

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions of the claims in this application with the claims listed below.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A safety seal system for maintaining high-alert medications sealed prior to use or administration, comprising:

a heat-shrink plastic cover adapted to be placed over an individual high-alert medication container, a seal having a warning statement and other distinguishing characteristics on said seal to differentiate said high-alert medication container to a person preparing said medication container at point of use or administration and to prevent said high alert medication container from being mistaken for a different medication container.

2. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 1 wherein said seal has a set of perforated lines to facilitate easy removal of said seal and to gain entry to said medicine container.

3. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 2 wherein said seal and said set of perforated lines are configured as a pull tab.

4. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 2 wherein said seal and said set of perforated lines are configured as a perforated tear strip.

5. (Original) The safety seal according to claim 1 wherein seal includes an integrated warning statement directed to point of use, high-alert medication preparations for any person preparing said medicine container for use.

6. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 5 wherein said warning statement includes visual cues and tactile awareness distinguishing said medicine container's high-alert medication from other medications.

7. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 1 wherein said medicine container is configured as a bottle shaped container.

8. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 1 wherein said medicine container is configured as a vial.

9. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 1 wherein said medicine container is configured as an intravenous bag.

10. (Original) The safety seal system according to claim 1 wherein said medicine container is configured as a syringe.

11. (Currently Amended) The safety seal system according to claim 7 wherein said seal ~~has no lip~~ is without a lip thereon and said seal covers ~~the a lip~~ of the medicine container so that a user has tactile awareness of said seal being in place.

12. (Currently Amended) The safety seal system according to claim 3 wherein said pull tab cannot be felt tactilely identified as separate from the seal until the seal is removed thereby providing a user with tactile awareness of said seal being in place.

13. (Currently Amended) A safety seal method for maintaining high alert medications sealed prior to use or administration, the steps comprising:

placing a heat-shrink plastic cover over an individual high-alert medication container; ~~and~~ applying heat to shrink the heat-shrink plastic cover to cover the medicine container; and

warning a person preparing said medication container to differentiate said high-alert medication container at point of use or administration from being mistaken from said high-alert medication container from a different medication container, by providing said a seal with a warning statement and other distinguishing characteristics on said seal to differentiate said high-alert medication container to a person preparing said medication container at point of use or administration and to prevent said high-alert medication container from being mistaken for a different medication container.

14. (Currently Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 42 13 further comprising facilitating easy removal of said seal by providing said seal with a set of perforated lines and thereby gaining entry to said medicine container.

15. (Currently Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 42 13 further comprising configuring said seal and said set of perforated lines as a pull tab.

16. (Currently Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 42 13 further comprising configuring said seal and said set of perforated lines as a perforated tear strip.

17. (Currently Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 42 13 wherein said warning statement is integrated with said seal so that any person preparing said medicine container for use would read said warning statement when attempting to open said seal of said medicine container.

18. (Currently Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 42 13 wherein said warning statement includes visual cues and tactile awareness distinguishing said medicine container 's high alert medication from other medications.

19. (Currently Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 42 15 further comprising configuring said medicine container is configured as a bottle shaped container.

20. (Currently Amended) The safety seal ~~system~~ method according to claim 13 further comprising configuring said medicine container as a syringe.

21. (Currently Amended) The safety seal ~~system~~ method according to claim 13 further comprising configuring said medicine container as a vial.

22. (Currently Amended) The safety seal ~~system~~ method according to claim 13 further comprising configuring said medicine container as an intravenous bag.

23. (Currently Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 18 further comprising providing tactile awareness of the seal being in place as the seal ~~has no lip~~ is without a lip and the seal covers ~~the~~ a lip of the medicine container.

24. (Currently Amended) The safety seal method according to claim 19 further comprising providing tactile awareness of the seal being in place as the pull tab cannot be felt tactilely identified as separate from the seal until the seal is removed.